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1. THE THAI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HANDLED LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR GORDON'S TRIP. AMBASSADOR ANAN PANYARACHUN, WHO WAS THEN IN BANGKOK, ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS FOR GORDON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN, WITH UNDER SECRETARY PHAEN WANNAMETHI, AND WITH THE UNIVERSITY GROUP. GORDON PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE DCM AND SAID HE WAS TRAVELLING ON A FOUNDATION GRANT. HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH FOUNDATION. HE HAD ALREADY VISITED INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA.

2. WE SUSPECT THAT KHIAN THIRAWIT WAS TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT AS USUAL. WHEN A USIS OFFICER ASKED HIM ABOUT GORDON'S VISIT, KHIAN SAID ONLY THAT GORDON HAD PARTICIPATED IN A SEMINAR AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (NIDA). KHIAN PROFESSED IGNORANCE ABOUT GORDON'S SPONSORSHIP OR THE WIDER PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT.

3. VARIOUS OFFICERS OF THE MISSION REMEMBER GORDON FROM HIS RAC DAYS WHEN GORDON CONCENTRATED ON ASEAN.
GORDON MAINTAINS INTEREST IN LOCAL THAI DEVELOPMENTS.
WE BELIEVE HE IS NOW IN TOKYO.
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